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Notice: Croatia Ready to Implement the Hague Adoption Convention

The *Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (Convention) enters into force in Croatia on April 1, 2014. The United States will be able to process Convention adoptions from Croatia that are initiated on or after April 1, 2014.

Croatian law generally restricts intercountry adoptions to Croatian prospective adoptive parents. Croatia permits foreigners to adopt a Croatian child only under exceptional circumstances, with prior approval of the Ministry of Social Policy and Youth, and when that placement is particularly beneficial for the child. The Government of Croatia notified the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb that U.S. adoption service providers are not authorized to independently provide services in Convention adoptions from Croatia. Adoption services in Croatia can only be completed through contact with the Croatian Central Adoption Authority, the Ministry of Social Policy and Youth. The Ministry can be reached at: [mspm.hr/](#) or by calling +385 1 555 7111.

The Department of State will provide updated information on [adoption.state.gov](#) as it becomes available. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to AdoptionUSCA@state.gov.